

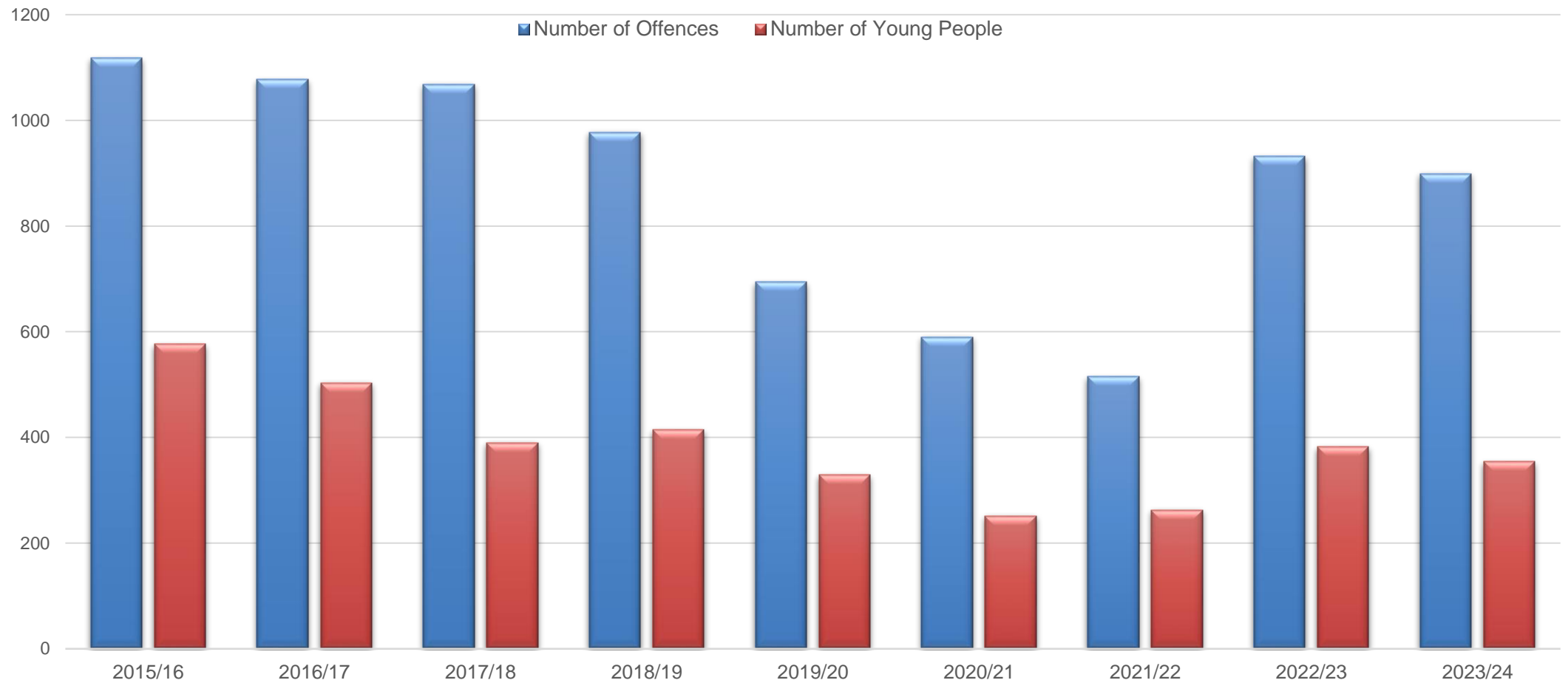
County Durham Youth Justice Service

Performance and Service Improvement Plan: Update

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Total Offences & Total Young People Offending

Performance

National Measures

- ❖ First Time Entrants Rate: **250**
- ❖ Re-offending rate: **44%**
- ❖ Custodial Sentences Rate: **0.42**
- ❖ Remand Bed-Nights: **464 nights**

Other Work:

- ❖ Victims: **157** (Adults & Young People)
- ❖ **2,125** hours reparation
- ❖ With Youth in Mind: **58** young people

Service Improvement Plan (YJ Plan 2024/25)

- Review and develop new out-of-court processes, including Early Help services.
- In conjunction with partners, develop specific improvement plans in respect of 'First time Entrants to the YJ system' and 'Use of Custody'.
- Ensure service is well-placed to meet the challenges of serious violence, both in respect of working with children and in respect of staff safety.
- Review/audit service against new Inspection Framework (when available) and prepare service for inspection and embed the Quality Assurance Framework developed for the Service.
- Improve operational processes with Courts and Court representation on the Management Board.
- Implement a 'Child First' ethos and practice throughout CDYJS.
- Review and enhance health provision within CDYJS following on from HNA of young people who offend.
- Identify support needs for the service and ensure needs are met through partnerships with other DCC services.
- Audit our work in respect of transitions to Probation Service to provide assurance on practice.

Recognition:

- HMIP Good Practice Guidance: Resettlement from Custody
- YJB – Good Practice Guidance: Victim Work (With Youth in Mind)
- Investor in Children 2024
- Investor in Volunteers 2024

Service Developments: 2024 - 2025

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Additional Case Managers, Intervention Workers, Family Support Officer
- Youth Justice Hubs – Newton Aycliffe, Durham
- Restructure of Service

Reparation

- Wingate Primary
- Two young boys had broken into the school and caused damage
- VLO met with school staff and pupils
- The school asked that the boys work to tidy and improve their sensory garden



Reparation

- Cleaning of the wooden shelter
- Gravel/wood chippings purchased and spread around the area, creating a clear pathway
- General weeding and bringing some life back into the area.



Reparation

- The boys did a fantastic job
- Head teacher spoke to them and thanked them for their efforts
- Building young people's aspirations
- Making a positive difference to their community

